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"WHEN THEY CRY"
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CHAPTER 12:
BERN'S CHALLENGE

Episode8: *Twilight of the golden witch*

WHO DID THIS? ALL OF THIS ...!!!
WITH THIS THE STORY OF MY GAME ENDS.

THIS IS QUITE WELL DONE.
IF THIS WAS PROPERLY READ OUT, IT COULD BE MIXED AMONG BEATO'S GAMES WITHOUT NOTICE.
... BUT ...
BUT IT'D NEED SOME KNOW-HOW.
TO WRITE ILLUSIONS ON THIS SO THAT SPECTATORS BUY IT.

THERE ARE LOCKED-ROOMS MURDERS AND SOME OTHER IMPOSSIBLE CRIMES...
THIS IS QUITE SOME-THING.
IF I WERE TO TAKE IT LIKE THAT, THE CULPRIT WOULD HAVE TO BE AN OUTSIDER.
THAT'D BE THE SAME AS GIVING IN TO THE WITCH.
LADY BERNKASTEL SWORE THAT THIS WAS A GENUINE MYSTERY WITH A HUMAN CULPRIT.

AND WITH A HUMAN CULPRIT ALSO COMES TRICKS POSSIBLE WITH HUMAN MEANS.
EVEN IF THEY LOOK IMPOSSIBLE ON FIRST SIGHT...
WELL THEN, ONCE MORE ...
I WILL GIVE YOU THE RULES OF BERN'S GAME.

○ A CULPRIT IS DEFINED AS A MURDERER

○ A CULPRIT HAS THE ABILITY TO LIE

○ A CULPRIT HAS THE ABILITY TO LIE EVEN BEFORE ANY MURDERS

○ THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT THE CULPRIT CAN ONLY TELL THE TRUTH

○ THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT THE CULPRIT WILL NOT AID THE CULPRIT

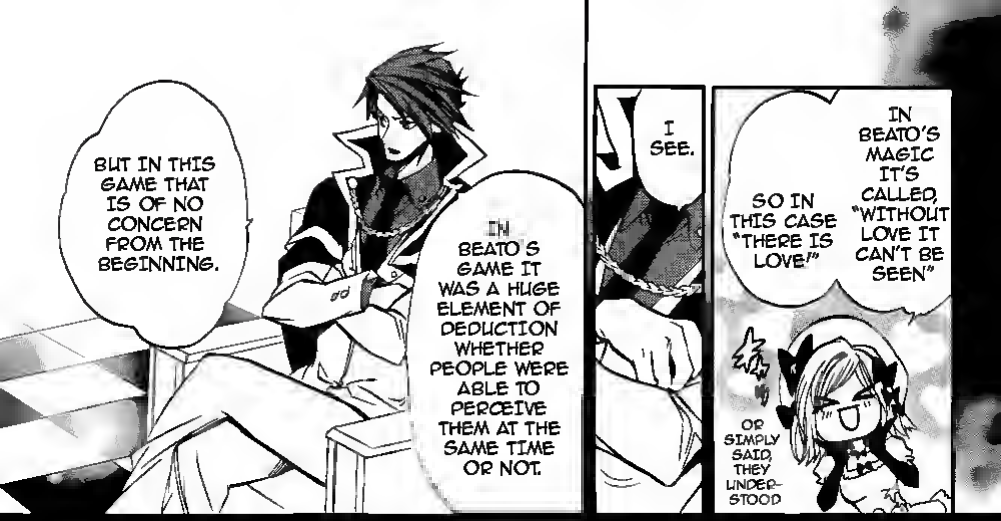
I WAS WRONG...
I WAS WONDERING WHETHER SOMEBODY WAS COVERING FOR THE CULPRIT AND GIVING THEM AN ALIBI.
SO THAT MEANS THERE ARE NO SECRET AGREEMENTS OR ACCOM-PLICES?

○ A CULPRIT WILL CARRY OUT ALL MURDERS DIRECTLY WITH THEIR OWN HANDS

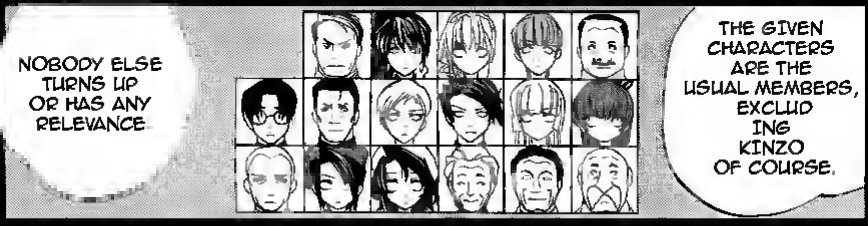
○ A CULPRIT DOES NOT DIE

AND ALSO NO SUICIDE BY THE CULPRIT AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOCKED ROOM...
SO NO INDIRECT MURDERS FROM A DISTANCE... LIKE TRAPS, HUH?

SO YOU COULD SAY, "THE CULPRIT IS NOT AMONG THE DEAD."
DEATH MEANS DEATH OF THE FLESH
NOT LIKE IN A CERTAIN SOMEONE'S GAME... LIKE CHANGING YOUR NAME AND LIVING.
EVEN IF A PERSON CARRIES SEVERAL NAMES, IF THEY ARE KILLED THEY BECOME UNABLE TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY.
IN ADDITION, THIS GAME IS SET UP SO THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS ABOUT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SHANNON AND KANON.
YEAH! IF SHANNON DIES, KANON DIES AS WELL, OF COURSE!
THAT'S JUST OBVIOUS.


BUT IN THIS GAME THAT IS OF NO CONCERN FROM THE BEGINNING.
IN BEATO'S GAME IT WAS A HUGE ELEMENT OF DEDUCTION WHETHER PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO PERCEIVE THEM AT THE SAME TIME OR NOT.
I SEE.
SO IN THIS CASE "THERE IS LOVE!"
IN BEATO'S MAGIC IT'S CALLED, "WITHOUT LOVE IT CAN'T BE SEEN"
OR SIMPLY SAID, THEY UNDER-STOOD

○ A CULPRIT IS AMONG THE GIVEN CHARACTERS



○ NO LIES EXIST WITHIN THE STAGE DIRECTIONS

○ THE PURPLE STATEMENT HAS THE SAME VALUE AS THE RED TRUTH. BUT THE CULPRIT ALONE CAN LIE USING THE PURPLE STATEMENT.

WELL THEN...
AS THE OBSERVER I WILL DECLARE THIS ONCE AGAIN.
I ENSURE THAT THE CULPRIT CAN BE DECIDED WITH THE INFORMATION SO FAR.

THAT ...
THAT IS...
THE ...
BLUE TRUTH?
I WILL GRANT YOU THIS BLUE TRUTH... YOU HAVE JUST ONE CHANCE TO GET THE ANSWER.
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GET THE RIGHT CULPRIT ON THAT TRY MY GAMEBOARD WASN'T WORTHY AND YOU WIN, OTHERWISE I WIN.

NO FACE-OFF BETWEEN BLUE AND RED?
NO.
IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY IF I KEEP GIVING YOU ENDLESS TRIES TO ANSWER ALONG WITH RED HINTS.
WITH ENOUGH GUESS-WORK BATTLER WILL GET THE ANSWER AT SOME POINT.
...AH, MIGHT THAT BE WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED?
THIS IS A DUEL.
YOU'LL HAVE TO WIN WITH A FLASH.
OK.
I WILL CUT YOUR THROAT IN ONE FLASH.

SO LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS...!
IT'S NICE TO BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE THE SAME MYSTERY TOGETHER WITH YOU!
MY ARM IS TWITCHING
AND I WILL TAKE A LOOK ...
AT YOUR SKILLS.
BEATO!
IT'S SUDDEN, BUT CAN YOU RECONSTRUCT IT FROM THE FIRST TWILIGHT ON?
YES!

FIRST TWILIGHT.
THEY FOUND 6 BODIES, EVA, HIDEYOSHI, RUDOLPH, KYRIE, ROSA, GENJI IN THE DINING HALL OF THE MANSION.
THE CRIME-SCENE WAS A LOCKED-ROOM, NONE OF THE SURVIVORS HAVE AN ALIBI.
SECOND TWILIGHT.
THE BODIES OF KRAUSS AND NATSUHI WERE FOUND IN NATSUHI'S ROOM.
THE CRIME-SCENE WAS ALSO A LOCKED-ROOM, ALL OF THE SURVIVORS COULD HAVE COMMITTED THE CRIME.
FOURTH TWILIGHT. SHANNON'S BODY WAS FOUND IN THE ROSE GARDEN.
AT THE SAME TIME KANON WENT FOREVER MISSING.

FIFTH AND SIXTH TWILIGHT. GOHDA AND KUMASAWA'S BODIES WERE FOUND IN THE SERVANT ROOM OF THE GUESTHOUSE.
THE GUESTHOUSE WAS PERFECTLY LOCKED, THE CRIME WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL THE SURVIVORS.
SEVENTH TWILIGHT. NANJO'S BODY WAS FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE GUESTHOUSE.
THE GUESTHOUSE WAS STILL A LOCKED-ROOM, THE CRIME WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL THE SURVIVORS.
EIGTH TWILIGHT
JESSICA'S BODY WAS FOUND IN THE ROSE GARDEN.
AGAIN THE CRIME WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL THE SURVIVORS.
THE SURVIVORS AT THE END OF THE STORY ARE ...
3 PEOPLE, BATTLER, GEORGE, MARIA.
... OKAY
LET'S INSPECT THESE IN ORDER.

CRACK
CRACK
WEEEELL THEN...!
THE KEYS TO THIS GAME ARE THE PURPLE STATEMENTS.
LET'S START BY SEPERATING THE TRUTH FROM THE LIES!
HMM! THE PURPLE STATEMENTS OF THE INNOCENTS ARE THE SAME AS RED TRUTH
THAT IS KEY-INFOR-MA-TION.
BUT BATTLER, THERE'S THE LIES OF THE CULPRIT MIXED IN AS WELL.
HOW DO YOU PLAN ON DIS-CERN-ING THE LIES?
NO.
I'LL START WITH WHAT'S OBVIOUSLY TRUE.

THE RULES, "THERE ARE NO LIES IN STAGE DIRECTIONS" AND "CULPRITS DO NOT DIE"
THOSE DECLARED DEAD IN THE STAGE DIRECTIONS ARE OBVIOUSLY REALLY DEAD.
AND SINCE THEY ARE DEAD, THEY ARE NOT THE CULPRIT.
OBVI-OUSLY TRUE?
THERE-FORE...
!
SINCE JESSICA, SHANNON AND DOCTOR NANJO WERE TOLD TO BE DEAD IN STAGE DIRECTIONS, THEY ARE IN THE CLEAR.

AND SINCE "DEATH MEANS DEATH OF THE FLESH" KANON AS WELL.
SO ...
SINCE NANJO IS INNOCENT, HIS PURPLE STATEMENT OF "NOBODY WOULD BE MISTAKEN ABOUT THE DEAD" IS EFFECTIVE AS WELL.
THIS ALSO PROVES THAT ALL THE CORPSES CHECKED BY JESSICA, SHANNON, KANON OR DOCTOR NANJO ARE ACTUALLY DEAD.
DOCTOR NANJO CHECKED KRAUSS OJI-SAN AND NATSUHI OBA-SAN AT THE SECOND TWILIGHT.
AND ALSO VERIFIED THE DEATH OF SHANNON-CHAN AT THE FOURTH, AS WELL AS KUMASAWA-SAN AND GOHDA-SAN'S DEATH AT THE FIFTH AND SIXTH TWILIGHT.
ALSO, KANON DECLARED GENJI DEAD AT THE FIRST TWILIGHT.
THAT MEANS, KRAUSS OJI-SAN, NATSUHI OBA-SAN, GOHDA-SAN, KUMASAWA-SAN AND GENJI-SAN ARE INNOCENT AS WELL.

I SEE.
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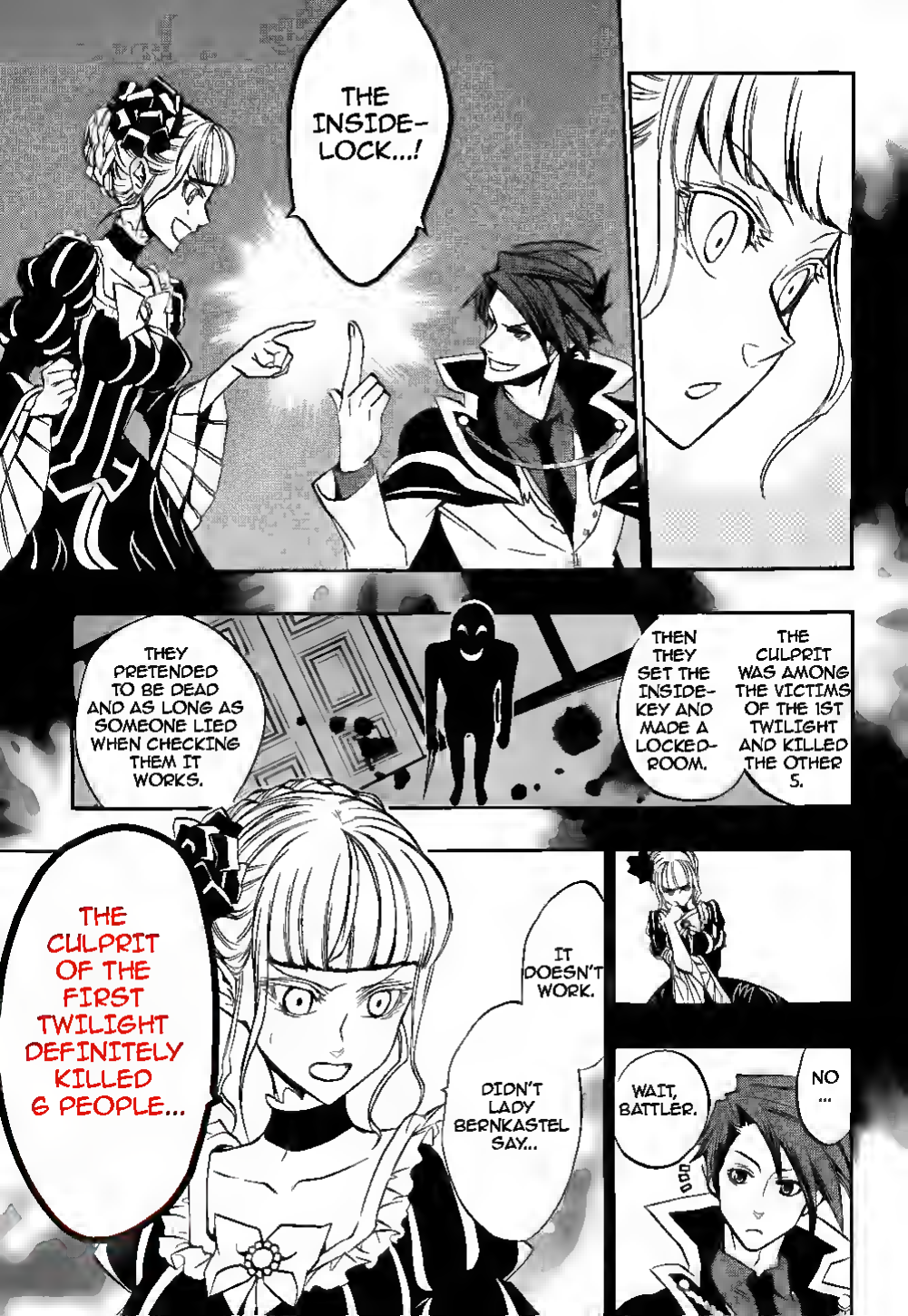
INNOCENCE PROVEN
THAT NARROWS IT DOWN TO 8 SUSPECTS.
I ONLY HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT'S NOT TRUE BY LOOKING AT THEIR PURPLE STATEMENTS.
THEY'RE GOING AT IT.
AT THIS RATE THEY WON'T EVER FIND IT OUT.

ON THE ROSTER OF THE 8 SUSPECTS THERE ARE BATTLER AND HIS PARENTS ...
AND ROSA AND MARIA.
GEORGE AND HIS PARENTS ...
HIHI ...
THAT'S QUITE A SCARY LINEUP.
..... ISN'T IT.
THE ADULTS ARE ALL SET UP AS THE VICTIMS OF THE FIRST TWILIGHT
KUMASAWA-SAN, WHO'S INNOCENT MIGHT HAVE DECLARED IN PURPLE THAT THEY WERE "ALL BLOOD-SMEARED AND COLLAPSED" BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THEY HAVE TO BE DEAD
THE ONE'S TO CHECK THEIR DEATH ARE THEIR CHILDREN ...
YES, BATTLER, GEORGE AND MARIA

THOSE THREE ALSO SURVIVED UNTIL THE VERY END.
SINCE THEY AREN'T DEAD THE CHANCE IS HIGH THEY ARE CULPRITS.
UNLESS I PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE THEIR PARENTS' DEATH ISN'T CERTAIN EITHER.
THE OTHER WAY A-ROUND
THEY COULD HAVE LIED ABOUT THEIR PARENTS' DEATH.
FIRST TWILIGHT.
THE 5 CONSIDERED DEAD AND THE CORPSE OF GENJI WERE DISCOVERED IN THE DINING HALL.
THE CRIME-SCENE WAS A LOCKED-ROOM. NO ONE HAS AN ALIBI... BUT WITH 8 BEING INNOCENT THE SITUATION CHANGES SLIGHTLY.
FINALLY THIS BECOMES A MYSTERY.
LET'S CHECK AGAIN FROM THE FIRST TWILIGHT...

NO MASTER-KEY WAS USED IN THIS CRIME...!
YEAH.
ALL THE SER-VANTS ARE PROVEN INNO-CENT.
IN OTHER WORDS ...
THE OP-POSITE, BEATO.
THAT IS QUITE SOME TROUBLE. NOW ALL THE LOCKED-ROOMS MUST BE MADE WITHOUT THE MASTER-KEY ...
BU... BUT BATTLER ...
THERE WAS NO MASTER-KEY USED NOT ONLY IN THE FIRST TWILIGHT BUT NEVER IN THIS CASE.
BECAUSE "THE MASTER-KEYS CANNOT BE TAKEN FROM THE SERVANTS" AND "AN INNOCENT PERSON WOULD NEVER AID THE CULPRIT"
IT'S A TRICK OF BEING ABLE TO CONSTRUCT THEM WITHOUT A MASTER-KEY.


THE INSIDE-LOCK...!
THE CULPRIT WAS AMONG THE VICTIMS OF THE 1ST TWILIGHT AND KILLED THE OTHER 5.
THEN THEY SET THE INSIDE-KEY AND MADE A LOCKED-ROOM.
THEY PRETENDED TO BE DEAD AND AS LONG AS SOMEONE LIED WHEN CHECKING THEM IT WORKS.
THE CULPRIT OF THE FIRST TWILIGHT DEFINITELY KILLED 6 PEOPLE...
IT DOESN'T WORK.
DIDN'T LADY BERNKASTEL SAY...
NO ...
WAIT, BATTLER.

AND DOESN'T IT PROVE ...
THAT THE CULPRIT IS DEFINITELY AMONG THE REMAINING THREE. BATTLER, GEORGE, MARIA?
ISN'T THIS RED AIMING AT THE DEATH OF THE 6 PEOPLE IN THE DINING HALL?
BAT-TLER ...
!!!!
BU... BUT HOW DID THEY PULL OFF THE LOCKING WITHOUT A MASTER-KEY?
IF THE DEATH OF THE 6 IN THE DINING HALL IS CERTAIN, THEN THERE IS NOBODY LEFT TO COMMIT ANY MURDERS.
AND JESSICA ALSO SAID IN PURPLE THAT ANY CRIME IN THE GUESTHOUSE WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO THEM..

THE STAGE DIRECTIONS SAY THAT "ONLY KRAUSS AND NATSUHI DID NOT RETURN".
THE SECOND TWILIGHT TOO...
IN OTHER WORDS, ALL THE SURVIVORS AT THIS POINT HAD RETURNED TO THE PARLOR.
AND SINCE "THERE IS NO METHOD EXCEPT THE MASTER-KEY TO LOCK THE DOORS FROM OUTSIDE" ...
CULPRIT X CANNOT EXIST
THE CULPRIT HAS TO REMAIN IN THE ROOM AND LOCK IT FROM THE INSIDE TO CONSTRUCT A LOCKED-ROOM.
BUT THAT MEANS NOBODY COULD HAVE COMMITTED THE MURDER OF THE SECOND TWILIGHT...!

WHAT THE... WAS OUR APPROACH WRONG FROM THE START...?
OR IS THERE A TRICK TO KILL FROM OUTSIDE THE ROOM...?
.....HEHE.
THAT WAS ALWAYS YOUR CUE TO SNEER, "JUST ACCEPT IT! IT WAS A WITCH!"
BUT...
THIS IS A GAME ABOUT HUMANS.
HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT MIGHT EVER SEEM, THERE MUST BE A WAY FOR HUMANS TO DO IT.

I WILL UNVEIL IT! I WILL CARVE "IT'S SOLVABLE" ON YOUR GRAVESTONE!
BAT-TLER ...
LET'S CALM DOWN AND THINK, BEATO! "A CULPRIT WILL CARRY OUT ALL MURDERS DIRECTLY WITH THEIR OWN HANDS"! THERE'S NO WAY TO KILL FROM OUTSIDE A ROOM!
THE CULPRIT REMAINING IN THE ROOM AND CON-STRUCTING THE LOCKED-ROOM FROM THE INSIDE IS THE WAY!
UH ... YES!

THINK
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT OF THIS
THERE'S ONLY THIS WAY TO CONSTRUCT A LOCKED-ROOM
TO HINDER ME AT MAKING ANOTHER THEORY? TO ENSURE THE DEATH OF THE 6 PEOPLE?
WHY DID SHE SAY IT LIKE THAT AT THAT TIME?
LET'S TURN THE CHESSBOARD AROUND
YES, I TRIED THE SAME THING DURING THE SECOND TWILIGHT AND GOT TO EAT THAT RED BY BERNKASTEL, THE CULPRIT OF THE FIRST TWILIGHT DEFINITELY KILLED 6 PEOPLE...
6 PEOPLE
THAT COULD WORK...!
THE CULPRIT LOCKED THE DOOR FROM THE INSIDE, HID IN THE ROOM AND THEN ESCAPED AT THE NEXT CHANCE...
YES AND THEN THAT PERSON KILLED KINZO'S AND NATSUMI.

WHA... WHAT DID YOU UNDERSTAND?
I WAS FOOLED...
BY SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
AND THE CULPRIT KILLED 6 PEOPLE THEN.
IT'S SO EASY.
I RECEIVED THAT RED AT THE SECOND TWILIGHT.
THE CULPRIT OF THE FIRST TWILIGHT DEFINITELY KILLED 6 PEOPLE.
YEAH... IT WAS ABOUT TIMING.

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THOSE 6 PEOPLE INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS FROM THE SECOND TWILIGHT AS WELL...!!
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WHICH MEANS, THE TRUE NUMBER OF DEAD PEOPLE AT THE FIRST TWILIGHT IS 4...!!
SO, THERE REALLY WAS A CULPRIT AMONG THE 6 IN THE DINING HALL PLAYING DEAD...!
THAT PERSON SNUCK OUT OF THE DINING HALL, KILLED THE TWO IN NATSUHI'S ROOM, LOCKED THE ROOM FROM THE INSIDE AND HID IN THERE...!!

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AND THEN THE MURDERS FROM NATSUHI'S ROOM ONWARDS...
WITH THAT THE PIECES LINE UP.
...NO...
WHAT IS IT?
SHE SAID NATSUHI'S ROOM WAS SEALED AT THE VERY MOMENT THEY LEFT IT...
AND THE CULPRIT DID NOT LEAVE THE ROOM WITH THEM
ALSO, ALL OF THE SEALS WILL DEFINITELY NOT BE BROKEN
SO ANY MURDER AFTER THE CULPRIT IS LOCKED IN THE ROOM BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE...

YOU'RE SOFT.
POKE
POKE
AS SOFT AS THE SOFTCREAM I LOVE.
POKE
DIDN'T YOU SAY SO BEFORE YOURSELF?
BATTLER, GEORGE OR MARIA COULD HAVE LIED AT THE INSPECTION OF THEIR PARENTS BODIES!
AC-COM-PLICES ...!
"THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT THE CULPRIT WILL NOT AID THE CULPRIT"! THE CHILD WHO LIED ABOUT THEIR PARENTS DEATH IS THEREFORE ALSO CONNECTED TO THE MURDERS.

I THINK WE ARE CLOSING IN ON IT!
THANK YOU, BEATO!
LET'S CONTINUE TO THE FOURTH TWILIGHT

ACCORDING TO JESSICA'S PURPLE AND THE STAGE DIRECTIONS ...
THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR BATTLER, GEORGE OR MARIA.
NONE OF THE SURVIVING 3 CHILDREN COULD HAVE COMMITTED THE GUESTHOUSE MURDERS OR KILLED JESSICA.
SHANNON WAS KILLED IN THE ROSE GARDEN.
ACCORDING TO JESSICA'S PURPLE, GEORGE WOULD NOT KILL HER
SO IT IS EITHER BATTLER OR MARIA.
NO... IT COULD ALSO BE SOMEONE WHO PLAYED DEAD IN THE DINING HALL AND IS NOT THE ONE LOCKED INTO NATSUHI OBA-SAN'S ROOM.
AS LONG AS THAT PERSON SNUCK OUT OF THE MANSION BEFORE IT WAS SEALED.
THE NEXT IS THE FIFTH AND SIXTH TWILIGHT.
LET'S PUT SHANNON -CHAN'S MURDER ASIDE FOR NOW.

... RIGHT.
IN THAT CASE ...
IF IT CAN'T BE DONE BY THE SURVIVORS THE DEAD WILL HAVE TO DO.
THE DEAD... OR BETTER, A HUMAN WHO PLAYED DEAD!
THAT IS PROOF THAT THERE IS A CULPRIT WHO PRETENDED TO BE DEAD!

ONE TOOK CARE OF THE MURDER IN THE MANSION AND WAS LOCKED INTO NATSUHI'S ROOM.
THE OTHER COM-MITTED THE MURDERS AFTER THAT.
AND THE LAST ONE IS THE CHILD WHO LIED UPON INSPECTING THEIR BODIES!
THAT IS THE BREAKDOWN OF THE MINIMUM OF CULPRITS!
4 AMONG THE 6 IN THE DINING HALL WERE DEAD BUT NOW IT IS CERTAIN THAT THERE ARE TWO ADULT CULPRITS.
IT'S LEFT TO DECIDE HOW MANY CHILD ACCOM-PLICES THERE WERE ...
AND ...
TO SETTLE WHO THE CULPRIT ACTUALLY IS.

SEEMS LIKE THEY PRETTY MUCH HAVE THE NUMBER DOWN.
BUT THE SCOPE OF SUSPECTS HASN'T REALLY CHANGED MUCH.
THAT WILL TAKE SOME TIME.
CLICK
...AH
GEORGE NII-SAN WOULD NEVER KILL SHANNON ...

GEORGE AND MARIA SAID SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING AT THE EIGTH TWILIGHT.
FOR FURTHER IDEAS WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PURPLE STATEMENTS AGAIN...
YOU COULD KILL A CHILD... OR A MINOR, THOUGH...
GEORGE ONII-CHAN, YOU COULDN'T KILL AN ADULT.
AS IF YOU COULD KILL ANYBODY MARIA...
MARIA COULD NOT KILL ANYONE.
WHAT THEN ...?
AND IF MARIA WAS INNO-CENT ...
IF GEORGE'S INNOCENCE WAS DECIDED UPON, THEN MARIA WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE INNOCENT AS WELL...

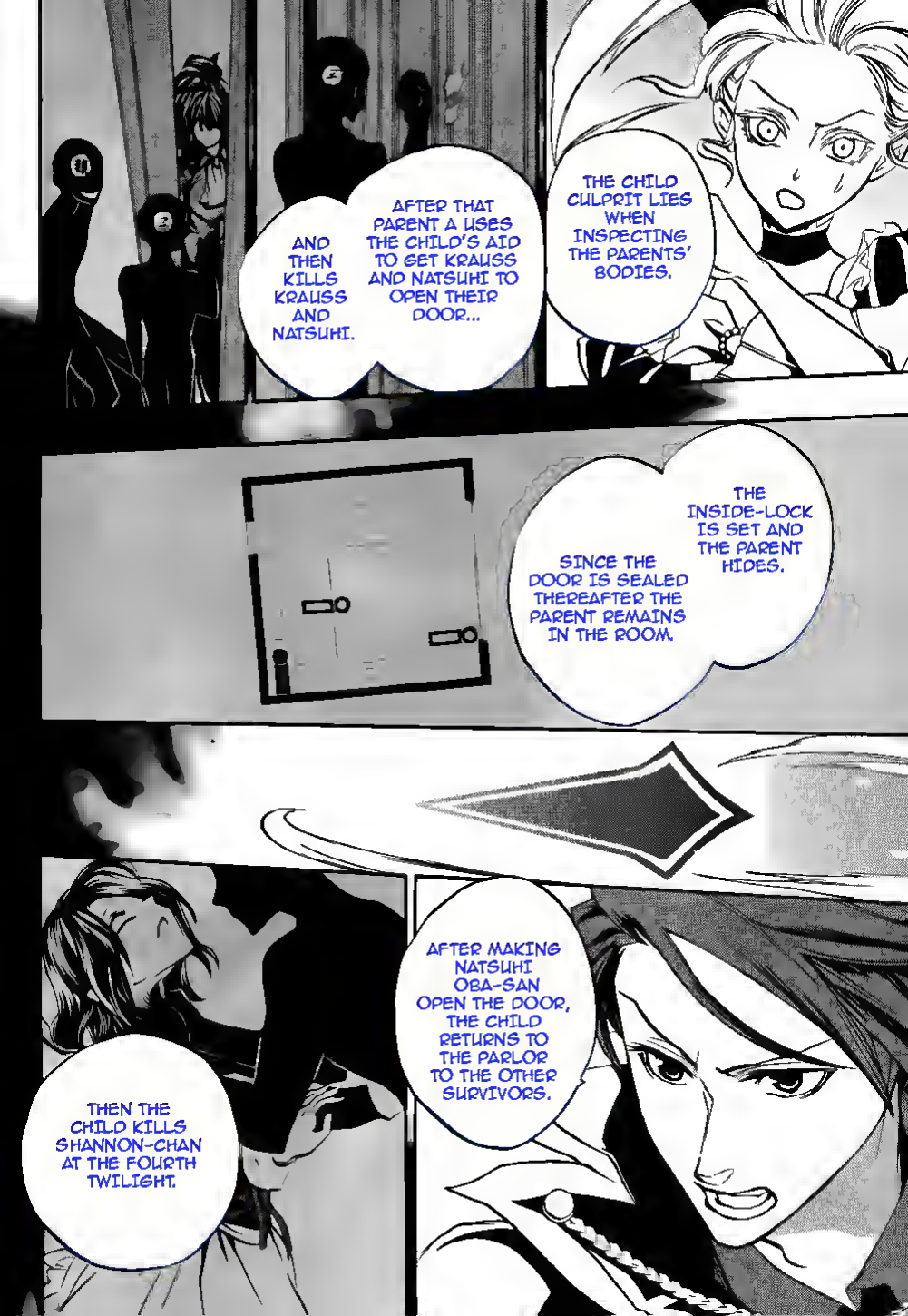
HA..
.....
BAT-TLER?
.....
IT'S ALRIGHT.
BEATO!
WHAT?

I'M READY.
I WILL BEAT BERN-KASTEL'S GAME WITH ...
MY BLUE TRUTH.

EH ...?!?
WAIT, WAIT! YOU HAVEN'T PINNED A CULPRIT DOWN!
BATTLER, YOU DO UNDER-STAND?!
YOU ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE!!
IS THAT OKAY, BERN?! THIS IS BATTLER, IT MIGHT BE TOTALLY HALF-BAKED!
IF THAT'S THE CASE I'LL WIN.
THERE IS NO REASON TO REFUSE THIS BLUE TRUTH.

COME AT ME.

HERE I GO ...
THE CULPRIT IS A GROUP OF 3.
PARENT A FIRST KILLS 4 PEOPLE AT THE FIRST TWILIGHT, LOCKS THE DINING HALL FROM THE INSIDE, AND THEN PLAYS DEAD WITH PARENT B.
THERE IS ONE CHILD ... AND THE PAR- ENTS.


THE CHILD CULPRIT LIES WHEN INSPECTING THE PARENTS' BODIES.
AFTER THAT PARENT A USES THE CHILD'S AID TO GET KRAUSS AND NATSUHI TO OPEN THEIR DOOR...
AND THEN KILLS KRAUSS AND NATSUHI.
THE INSIDE-LOCK IS SET AND THE PARENT HIDES.
SINCE THE DOOR IS SEALED THEREAFTER THE PARENT REMAINS IN THE ROOM.
AFTER MAKING NATSUHI OBA-SAN OPEN THE DOOR, THE CHILD RETURNS TO THE PARLOR TO THE OTHER SURVIVORS.
THEN THE CHILD KILLS SHANNON-CHAN AT THE FOURTH TWILIGHT.

PARENT B SNEAKS OUT OF THE MANSION BEFORE THE SEALS ARE PLACED.
AND THEN COMMITS ALL THE MURDERS FROM THE FIFTH TWILIGHT ON.
THE GUEST-HOUSE IS A LOCKED-ROOM BUT WITH THE AID OF THE CHILD INSIDE ...
UNLOCKING AND LOCKING UPON ENTRY AND EXIT IS POSSIBLE.
MARIA CANNOT BE THE CULPRIT.

IF MARIA WAS THE CULPRIT THEN THERE WOULD BE NECESSITY FOR ANOTHER ADULT BESIDES ROSA OBA-SAN
AND THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR ONE MORE CHILD TO LIE ABOUT THEIR PARENTS DEATH
IT'S A RULE THAT "A CULPRIT IS DEFINED AS A MURDERER" SO THAT CHILD MUST ALSO COMMIT A MURDER
THERE IS ONLY SHANNON-CHAN WHO COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ONE OF THE CHILDREN
FOR THE REASON OF CALLING FOR ANOTHER CHILD CULPRIT MARIA CANNOT BE THE CULPRIT
SO THERE CANNOT BE MORE THAN ONE CHILD CULPRIT..!
ALONGSIDE ROSA OBA-SAN'S INNOCENCE IS PROVEN AS WELL...!!

GEORGE CAN ALSO NOT BE THE CULPRIT!
THE ONLY ONE THE CHILDREN CAN KILL IS SHANNON -CHAN.
BUT ACCORDING TO JESSICA'S PURPLE STATEMENT, GEORGE COULD NEVER KILL SHANNON!
SO BY NOT BEING ABLE TO COMMIT ANY MURDER, GEORGE CANNOT BECOME A CULPRIT!
ALONGSIDE, SINCE NOBODY CAN LIE ABOUT THEIR DEATH, EVA OBA-SAN AND HIDEYOSHI OJI-SAN'S INNOCENCE IS PROVEN AS WELL!!
THE PURPLE STATEMENT OF THE TWO IS VERIFIED BY THIS, TOO!!
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THUS IT PERFECTLY PROVES THEIR INNOCENCE!!
SINCE THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE CHILD CULPRIT, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT BOTH OF THEM ARE GUILTY!
MARIA AND GEORGE ARE EITHER BOTH INNOCENT OR BOTH GUILTY.
SINCE ONE SIDE'S INNOCENCE AUTOMATICALLY PROVES THE OTHER'S INNOCENCE AS WELL.
YOU'VE GROWN STRONG...
CONCLUSIVELY, MARIA'S STATEMENT PROVES THAT GEORGE CANNOT HAVE KILLED ANYBODY.
AAH ...
BUT BOTH UNDERAGE VICTIMS, JESSICA AND SHANNON, CANNOT HAVE BEEN KILLED BY GEORGE.
ACCORDING TO MARIA'S STATEMENT, GEORGE COULD KILL A MINOR.
GEORGE AND MARIA ENSURE EACH OTHERS ALIBIS.
THE DEED IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ANY BUT THE REMAINING GROUP!!
THUS ...
AND THAT INCOMPETENCE WHEN YOU LOST HEART DURING MY GAME IS ALREADY ...

THEY ARE ...
CHECK-MATE.

THIS GAME'S CUL-PRIT !!!

ONII...
-CHAN
...
WHERE
...
ONII-
CHAN...
WHERE
ARE...
YOU!..
UH...
PLEASE
BE
ALIVE,
ONII
-CHAN...
WHERE
IS HE?
IS HE
ALIVE?
WHERE
AM I?
THIS
IS
NOT
MY
BROTH-
ER'S
GAME,
IS IT?
THEY'VE
ALL
BEEN
KILLED..!
THEY
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ONII
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ONII
-CHAN
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ONII -CHAN!!
BAT-TLER ONII -CHAN ...!!
HE'S ALIVE!!
ONII -CHAN!!
GEORGE ONII-CHAN TOO!! AND MARIA ONEE-CHAN!!
I'M HERE, LISTEN...!
UH ...
IT WAS A WITCH! THE CULPRIT IS A WITCH!
WAS IT REALLY SOME OUTSIDER WHO KILLED THEM ALL ...?!
WHAT ASS-HOLE DID THIS ...?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ENTER OR LEAVE THE ISLAND IN THIS TYPHOON ...
THERE IS NO-BODY BE-SIDES US HERE.
YOU TWO, LISTEN.
WHY WON'T THEY NOTICE ME?
I'M SCREAMING SO LOUD... I'M IN HEARING DISTANCE, YET...
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.....?

IT'S JUST LIKE BEFORE WHEN THEY DIDN'T NOTICE ME OUTSIDE THE HALL.
EVEN WHILE I AM THIS CLOSE...
IT'S AS IF I'M ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A TV-SCREEN...
WHY?
BUT GEORGE ANIKI, THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY MURDERS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO ANYBODY FROM OUR FAMILY...!
THERE IS SOME-THING WE MISSED.
LIKE... SOMEONE PLAYING DEAD...!
IF THERE WAS AN AC-COMPLICE LYING AT THEIR AUTOPSY...
SOMEONE PRETENDING TO BE DEAD COULD MURDER UNOBSERVED.

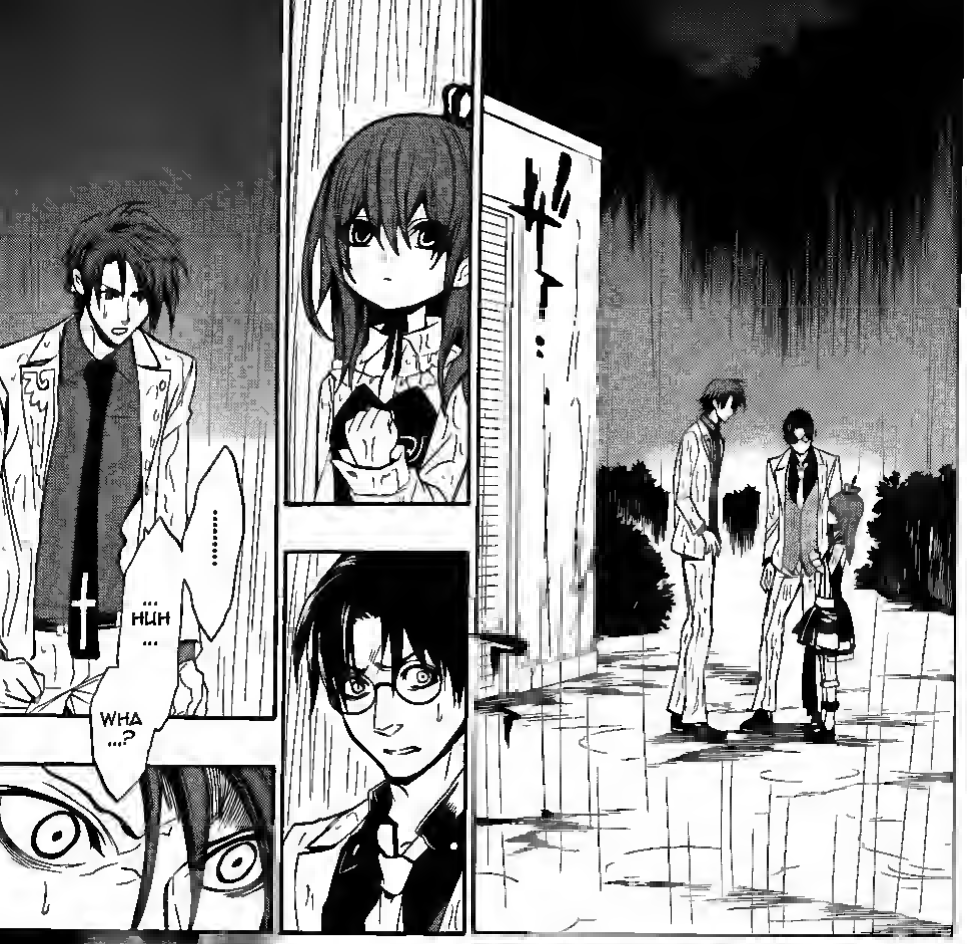
AND THERE YOU ARE DOUBTING US AGAIN.. GEORGE ANIKI...
DOCTOR NANJO WAS MURDERED.
IT SHOULD BE PROPER TO THINK THAT THOSE KILLED ARE INNOCENT.
.....!
AND A DOCTOR LIKE DOCTOR NANJO SHOULD BE THE FIRST WE CAN TRUST.
HE DID MOST OF THE VERIFICATIONS OF THE DEAD.
BUT IN THE DINING HALL HE ONLY TOOK A LOOK AT GENJI.
...WE DID ALL THE CONFIRMATIONS BACK THEN.
SO YOU WANNA SAY THAT ONE OF US LIED ABOUT OUR PARENTS' DEATH.....?
.....

DON'T YOU FEEL ASHAMED FOR EVEN THINKING THAT OUR PARENTS COULD BE MURDERERS, KILLING PEOPLE IN SUCH WAYS?!
I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS...!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HOW ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO BE ALIVE AFTER THAT STATE THEY WERE IN?!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT ONE OF OUR PARENTS KILLED EVERYBODY?!
SO...
SOR-RY...
...MY MAMA WAS PERFECTLY DEAD.
SO, WHOSE PARENTS ARE THE KILLERS, BATTLER'S OR GEORGE ONII-CHAN'S?

BUT NONE OF US WOULD KILL THEIR PARENTS...!
WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE DOUBTING EACH OTHER!
ISN'T THAT RI...
...IT'S OKAY MARIA.
LET IT GO.
I WAS TOO RASH...
BUT GEORGE ONII-CHAN WOULD NEVER KILL SHANNON.
IT'S COMPLETELY UNTHINKABLE THAT GEORGE ONII-CHAN WOULD AGREE TO A PLAN WHERE SHANNON WOULD BE KILLED.
SO I DON'T THINK...THAT HE WOULD LIE ABOUT HIS FATHER AND MOTHER BEING DEAD WHEN THEY WERE ALIVE.

...
BAT-
TLER.
YOU
SAW
THE
CORPSES
OF
...
...
YOUR
FATHER
AND
MOTH-
ER?
YES,
I
SAW
THEM!
DAMN
...
DAD
...
YOU
ALL
SAW
THEM,
RIGHT?!
SO
FULL
OF
BLOOD...
IN THAT
CRUEL
STATE...
AND
EVEN
KYRIE
-SAN...

I THINK YOU ARE LYING, BATTLER.



WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?

EVERY THING LINES UP

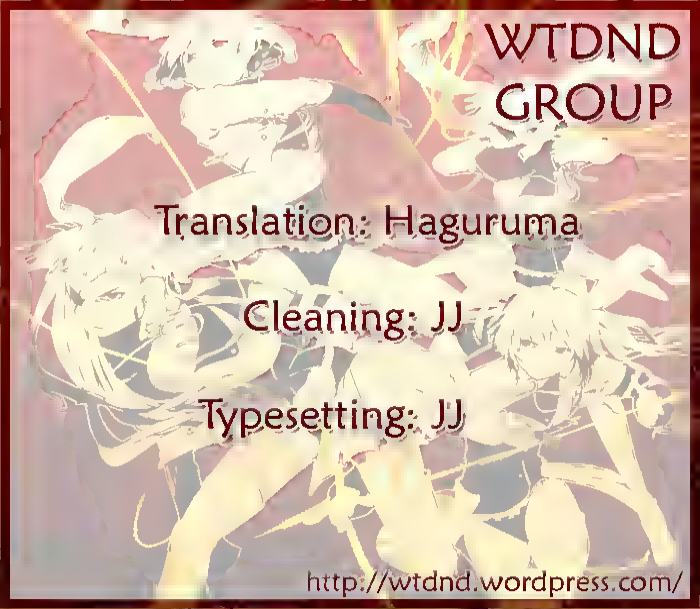
IF YOUR PARENTS WEREN'T DEAD IN THE DINING HALL...

ONE OF THEM KILLED EVERYBODY IN THE MANSION AND REMAINED IN NATSUHI'S ROOM. THE OTHER CONTINUED THE MURDERS AFTER THAT

TO BREAK INTO THE GUESTHOUSE LOCKED-ROOM YOU NEED AID FROM THE INSIDE... THAT WAS YOU.

EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING CAN BE EXPLAINED.

FINALLY I SOLVED THE WOLF AND SHEEP PUZZLE IN MY HEAD.
THE CULPRIT IS BATTLER'S FAMILY.
UH ...
COR-RECT?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